GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:228
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DOMESTIC PASSENGER SHARE OF INDIAN AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the domestic passenger share of Indian Airlines in percentage for last three years;

(b) whether Indian airlines is losing passenger share due to improper management and old aeroplanes;

(c)if so, the steps taken by the Government to upgrade the services of Indian Airlines;

(d) the numer of aeroplanes owned by Indian Airlines and their average use in a year;

(e) whether Indian Airlines would purchase or lease aeroplanes in view of fleet addition; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e) and (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b),(c),(d),(e) AND (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.228 FOR 16/12/2004 REGARDING DOMESTIC PASSENGER SHARE OF INDIAN AIRLINES

(a): The domestic Passenger Share of Indian Airlines during the last three years is as under :-

Year	Market Share of Indian Airlines(%)
2001	47.4
2002	41.2
2003	38.6

(b): Ageing fleet of Indian Airlines and increase in capacity induction by private airlines have affected the market share of Indian Airlines adversely.

(c): The Government, from time to time, encourages Indian Airlines to upgrade its services and undertake economy measures. Further, the proposal of Indian Airlines to expand/ upgrade its fleet is under active consideration of the Government.

(d): Indian Airlines, at present, have 51 aircraft, while its wholly owned subsidiary Alliance Air has a fleet of 15 aircraft (including on lease basis). The daily average flying time of aero planes used by Indian Airlines during 2003-04. is as under:

1. A-300 aircraft - 7.8 hrs.
2. A-320 aircraft - 9.4 hrs.
3. B-737 aircraft - 7.0 hrs.
4. DO-228 aircraft - 1.9 hrs.
5. ATR aircraft - 5.6 hrs.

(e) and (f): Indian Airlines has proposed to acquire 43 new aircraft in order to replace its ageing fleet and to augment its capacity. Further, in order to meet its short-term requirements, Indian Airlines also opts for dry lease of aircraft, which is a continuing exercise .